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Dear Lou,

I am sending the enclosed to Jim Alcock through you because I can and because I think you should be aware of the contents. This is one of the things I tried to communicate to you indirectly by phone. I think it is a pretty hot book. Vince and Gary and Hal flipped over it. I have gotten it to one of JFK's former close ones, who calls it "remarkable". My problem is, as usual, publishing, meaning money. I have several important additions to make and then, hopefully, we'll be preparing it for printing when that is possible. If the major interest solidifies, it will yield enough to pay the printer. There are also less remunerative interests that I'm holding in reserve. I do hope it does not leak in part because there is a very important context, and that I have. There is much more that is relevant.

If you recall I once asked you to try and check out the Louisiana Blue Shirts. I think it possible they may fit in.

One of the many other things I have been working on, as you may recall from my May trip, when we looked at the Martin film, is the Oswald literature distribution(s). Gary sent you the blowups I had made. Have you identified any of the other faces?

I now have a series of FBI reports of interviews about this I did not have before and as I can I am analyzing them. A pretty clear pattern is emerging. The Feebees knew what they didn't say and worked around that knowledge. In this connection, please preserve my Douglas Jones tape, made on the Norelco. If you do not want to keep it, I'd like to have it.

If you can send me what you can on the literature distribution, that can help in several ways. Some of my west-coast friends are working on it, and it is possible you have what we do not. I will then send you what I have that you do not. While I cannot now say when I will be down - you know why I want to be now - I plan to carry this further when I am next there. I had a list of people to see last time and just couldn't get around to it. The problem is fare. I now have permanent quarters whenever I am there.

He claims to have no recollection of how he got it, but Perry Russo has one of Oswald's leaflets. He promised it to me but never sent it. I gave Jim my newspaper source on this last April, more than a year ago. Perry has since confirmed it. When you speak to him, tell him, if you think it advisable, that perhaps I can help him with TIME. I sent them a letter immediately. They did not publish it. But it does prove that some of the story, aside from him, was deliberate invention.

Ordinarily, I would have written a close relative of the person who did not keep two appointments with you. I did not because I didn't want to run any risk of accidentally crossing your wires. I believe this is more important than appears on the surface, more important than even the brief bit of it I was able to communicate to you before I left. I most assuredly wish I could be there to do the questioning because, I believe, there might very well be things I could pick up that others might not recognize as significant and because I think I know what others may not. You have an idea how far along I had that when I left. You do not know all the relatives I told me. This ties in with other things, several, and can very well tie seemingly separate parts together. If you get anything, I hope we can find some way of communicating. If you do not or give up, please let me know so I can go further without fear of entangling you. Soon I will have to in my writing. I do not have a picture and would like to be able to show one to a number of people.

Speaking of pictures, I now know of others of the literature distribution of which I did not earlier know and of which I never heard any mention in your office or from any of you. I know who took them, when, why and where they are. They are also in Washington, where they have been suppressed and their existence has been officially denied to me. The source will not be a cooperative one but I think that I may be able to develop a way of communicating that perhaps you cannot, for it is one of Jim's blood enemies. There are indications of a non-Mexican third man, repeated, consistently.

Please tell Jim that if he wants me to ask the Castorras anything to let me know soon. They are still my friends. I spent six hours with them Sunday and will be seeing them again when I can introduce Bud. They have been very helpful in many ways and know that side in Dallas very well. They have given me much that is unpublished anywhere. I'm keeping it private but sharing it with those who can use it. It might very well lead to something.

After I gave my San Francisco friends the leads on the Doyle film they conducted phone interviews, of which they sent Tom copies. The film was to have been sent you. Please let me know either way. If they did not, I have new data on this and expect to be in the west in about a month and may try and get that and another not too far from them if I have the extra fare. If you do have it, would you like me to have done with it what I had with Martin's? I find that the individual frames say what the motion hides.

Since seeing you I have moved much farther on Oswald as an agent, have isolated some of their cuter tricks for hiding it, may have the real identification, etc. ...I think it is possible Chandler may, without realizing its significance, have some knowledge of this. I believe Oswald phoned him before one of his handouts, that of 8/16/63.

I expect to get what I promised you Wednesday. If there is any hitch, and I have no indications of any, I'll let you know promptly.

If you read my letters to Healy and noticed his grudging but volunteered retraction, I ask you to note that it has been followed by complete silence from Bringuier and his lawyers. I believe this may be significant. It is now at the point where they will have to serve me when I am next there. I think that may lead to something worthwhile. One of the lawyers also has interesting connections. I regret Jim did not arrange the ad he said he would after this story broke.

One of the reasons I am anxious to get COUT D'ETAT published as soon as possible is that it has the potential of getting us valuable allies. John Christian says it is the definitive one. He has hopes of newspaper syndication I do not share. However, he has gotten it into those hands, and they kept it longer than they had said they would. They made a copy then, with permission, and have reached no decision. I fear it is much too tough a book for that to be possible. However, Chicago blew many minds. Another and a very large publication is now expressing interest in other of my unpublished material. If anything comes of it I'll let you know, for it could make a difference to all of us. I am not building hopes, but they do have both influence and enormous circulation. And the stuff is the hottest yet....Bud told me what he has for me. I'll get it soon. Thanks.

Best to everyone,

Harold Weisberg